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1. For the past year the Polish Military Mission has been purchasing materials from German factories in amounts averaging six to eight million marks per week. Payments are made in Allied mark notes. The transactions are made through at least two purchasing firms, TEXTA and the Osthandelsgesellschaft. The latter has a storage house in Neu-Babelsberg.
2. Until recently, Colonel Benesch of the Polish Military Mission was in charge of the purchasing. He was called back to Warsaw in mid-January on suspicion of dishonesty. His successor or temporary representative is a woman named Stahl.
3. The purchases, which include products of several factories in the western sectors of Berlin, are transported, presumably to Warsaw, in a plane which arrives every Wednesday at Schönfeld airfield and departs every Saturday.
4. The products purchased include precision instruments, binding materials, tools, lenses, rubber, automobile parts, and fire extinguisher equipment.

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